



Washington, D.C. 20201

MEMO TO FILE

DATE: April 29, 2019

TO: 2019-00599-FOIA-OS

FROM: Kaira Wells GIS (Contractor)

SUBJECT: Administrative Closure – Refusal to Provide Additional Clarification

BACKGROUND:

As part of the HHS Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts Division continued interest initiative, conducted in April 2019, we have worked closely to review, fulfill and process backlog requests on file. In reviewing the case above, Kaira Wells attempted to contact Austin R. Evers in writing in order to determine if he could provide additional clarification surrounding the information sought in his FOIA request.

Kaira Wells had sent a clarification letter to Mr. Evers on April 3, 2019 in order “to provide the names of “political appointees,” or the corresponding program office of the “political appointees.” Finally, the letter sought corresponding domain names associated with the employees or representatives of Ballard Partners described in the request.”

In the requester’s response on April 3, 2019, the requester stated “[they were] not willing to further limit the request to Ballard’s lobbying on any specific subject matter, particularly because the purpose of the request is to reveal to the public the subject matter and content of Ballard’s lobbying efforts—information which is not currently available to the public.” Since the requester failed to provide additional clarification this FOIA request can be administratively closed.

APPROVED:

April 29, 2019

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